



**Economic & Workforce
Development Department (EWDD) Weekly Updates**
NEWS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2021

Success Stories



Council District 8 staff and WLCAC Business Service Representative Alphonso Reed present a certificate of appreciation to Trillum Drivers, a company that recruited candidates at the South LA Job Fair on November 18, 2021.

EMPLOYERS PAIRED WITH QUALIFIED CANDIDATES AT JOB FAIR

More than 110 job seekers connected with over 30 employers searching for qualified candidates at the South Los Angeles Job Fair on November 18, 2021. In partnership with the Office of [Councilmember Marqueece-Harris Dawson \(CD8\)](#) and [Councilmember Joe Buscaino \(CD15\)](#), the event was held at the Southeast LA [WorkSource Center \(WSC\)](#), which is overseen by EWDD contractor [Watts Labor Action Committee \(WLCAC\)](#).

The hiring fair was organized by the City's WorkSource Center (WSC) Business Services Representatives (BSRs) and EWDD's 16 WorkSource Centers. The BSRs work directly with regional employers with available job opportunities. The collaboration between the BSRs and the WSCs represents a unified effort to promote the ability of the WSCs to provide regional employers with qualified job seekers. The joint event came about on the heels of the City's successful hiring event with LAWA held at SoFi Stadium in September.

The employers who attended the job fair received a certificate of appreciation from CD8 for their participation and for providing job opportunities to city residents. The South LA Job Fair was the first job fair held jointly by the WSCs and BSRs. The team plans to host job fairs every quarter. The next job fair will be held in the Valley region.



BOYLE HEIGHTS TECHNOLOGY PROVIDES YOUTH JOB TRAINING

The Boyle Heights Technology [YouthSource Center \(YSC\)](#) provides ongoing job training and certification programs to help youth increase their chances of finding living-wage jobs. In the past few weeks, the "Tech" helped youth participants complete several programs including: InnerSight Experience, a three-hour career pathway training, and 20 hours of the Transition-Age Youth World of Work (TAY WOW) curriculum, which is designed to boost employment-related outcomes for transition-age foster youth. Participants also earned safety training certifications in OSHA 10 and Post COVID-19 Awareness Training and Cal/OSHA Confined Spaces. "I'm so proud of these young adults for putting in the work and being committed," said EWDD Senior Project Assistant Juan Romero.

Several participants from the most-recent training cohort will begin paid internships at [Taking the Reins \(TTR\)](#). Located near the LA River, TTR is a non-profit dedicated to helping underserved girls learn how to navigate their

personal growth and futures by engaging with and learning from horses in their Equestrian Facility and the natural environment in their quarter-acre Garden and Animal Husbandry Program.



ARMED WITH NEW WORK BOOTS, YOUTH STRIDES TO HIS FUTURE

Boyle Heights Technology YouthSource Center (YSC) participant Jesse recently graduated from high school and he was determined to get into California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA). Jesse (pictured above) said that earning safety training certifications in OSHA 10 and Post COVID-19 Awareness Training and Cal/OSHA Confined Spaces helped prepare him for entering the workforce.

“Earning my certificates and the (Boyle Heights Technology YSC) program purchasing my work boots has helped me become a better and safer worker. I work hard to make my parents proud and I appreciate all the support.”

Jesse is now a full-time student at CSULA and is working two jobs. On the weekends, he helps his father in his construction job. When he’s not helping his father, he is also working at a local In-N-Out burger.

LINKS to COVID-19 RESOURCES

JOB RESOURCES

LA JOBS PORTAL: jobs.lajobsportal.org

VIRTUAL ORIENTATIONS: bit.ly/LAjoblosshelp

BUSINESS RESOURCES

LA REGIONAL COVID FUND: lacovidfund.org

SMALL BUSINESS PROGRAM: ewddlacity.com/index.php/small-business-loans

LA CARES Corps: coronavirus.lacity.org/CARESCorps

BusinessSource Centers: bit.ly/LABusinessSource

WorkSource Centers: bit.ly/EWDDWorkSource

YouthSource Centers: bit.ly/EWDDYouthSource

EWDD Metrics

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

WORKSOURCE CENTER CONTACT PERFORMANCE (COVID-19) November 29, 2021 to December 3, 2021

Number of walk-ins	1,332
Number of walk-ins by appointment	412
Number of call/emails	2,500
Number of calls regarding Unemployment Insurance (UI)	326

YOUTH WORKFORCE DATA FY 20-21 (HIRE LA'S YOUTH) Week ending December 3, 2021

Number of applications	6,489
Number of youth in lottery pool	1,460
Number of youth enrolled	2,755
YouthSource Center (YSC) enrollments	825
YSC enrollment goal	2,100
Percent complete	39.3%

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

LOS ANGELES BUSINESSSOURCE CENTERS (LABSCs) METRICS November 29, 2021 to December 3, 2021

LABSCs Reporting: North Valley, West Valley, South Valley, South LA, East LA, Mid City, Central West, Hollywood and Harbor

Microenterprises assisted	170
Microenterprises enrolled	20
Small businesses assisted	42
Small businesses enrolled	4
Number of BSC Clients who attended virtual workshops	38
Sidewalk vendors assisted	24
Sidewalk vendors enrolled	5



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